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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takaaki Hirai et al.

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For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF
CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-
BASED RESIN, AND IN-MOLD EXPANDED
PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE
USING THE SAME

Examiner: V. S. Chang

AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In view of the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board") on September 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.